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(iii) UNICEF Skim Milk Distribution Scheme.

870. The free distribution of milk to the vulnerable age groups of the population continued during the year in 80 Centres in the State. Under the emergent feeding scheme, 1,60,000 lbs. of skim milk powder was received and was distributed to about 7,000 beneficiaries, on an average, per day. UNICEF authorities have allocated 1,00,000 lbs. of skim milk powder under 2-year milk distribution scheme commencing from the year 1954. About 5,000 hexa vitamin tablets donated by the American Children were distributed in parts of the State where famine conditions prevailed.

(iv) National Malaria Control Programme.

871. The National Malaria Control Programme which is based on the recommendations of the Planning Commission and launched with the help of T.C.A. which is making grants of D.D.T. and equipment for implementation of the programme is administered by the Ministry of Health, Government of India, in collaboration with the State Government. The programme extends anti-malaria campaign of the Centre and the States by means of central co-ordination organisation, *viz.*, the Malaria Institution of India. This Institute organises all Malaria control operations in the country.

872. Under the National Malaria Control scheme free anti-malaria drugs, D.D.T., 20 motor trucks, sprayers and other transport equipment were received. The cost of these approximately works out to Rs. 3,98,000 and the annual supply of insecticide works out to Rs. 10,05,000.

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873. Sanction was accorded to the purchase of 50 tons of D.D.T. from the Government of India Stores at Bombay at a cost of about Rs. 3,50,000.

874. The expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 25,00,000 excluding the National Malaria Control Programme and the cost of equipment.

(v) Hospitals and Dispensaries.

875. There were 491 Medical institutions at the beginning of the year. Twelve new institutions were opened